

WHEREAS special measures may be taken by the returning officers on polling day if it is not possible to place one person assigned to the list of electors at each polling station;

WHEREAS section 490 of the Election Act allows the Chief Electoral Officer to adapt a provision of the Act if it comes to his attention that the said provision does not meet the demands of the situation subsequent to an exceptional circumstance;

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer has informed the authorized parties represented at the National Assembly of his intention to use the provisions of the said section, and has taken the necessary steps to inform the other authorized parties, candidates and electors concerned;

The Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 490 of the Election Act, has decided to adapt section 310.1 of the Election Act to provide that the duties of the officer assigned to the list of electors shall be carried out by the poll clerk if it is impossible to ensure the presence of an officer at a polling station.

This decision is effective as of the date on which it is signed.

Québec, September 27, 2018

PIERRE REID,  
*Chief Electoral Officer*

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## Decision

Election Act  
(chapter E-3.3)

### Chief Electoral Officer — Exercising of the right to vote by electors in the Hull electoral division

Decision of the chief electoral officer pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 490 of the Election Act concerning the exercising of the right to vote by electors in the hull electoral division

WHEREAS order-in-council number 1267-2018, issued on August 23, 2018, enjoined the Chief Electoral Officer to hold general elections in Québec on October 1st, 2018;

WHEREAS extreme climatic conditions in the Outaouais region on or about September 21, 2018 caused major damage to the domiciles of numerous electors in the Hull electoral division;

WHEREAS many of these electors were forced to evacuate their domiciles;

WHEREAS section 337 of the Election Act (CQLR, chapter E-3.3) stipulates that electors must establish their identity at a polling station by means of one of the documents specified in the second paragraph of this provision and under the Elector Identification Regulation (CQLR, chapter E-3.3, r. 10);

WHEREAS electors who cannot establish their identity in accordance with the second paragraph of section 337 are directed to the identity verification panel;

WHEREAS in a number of cases, the evacuated electors may have no longer have in their possession the identification documents required to identify themselves with, in accordance with sections 335.2 or 337 of the Election Act.

WHEREAS section 490 of the Election Act allows the Chief Electoral Officer to adapt a provision of the Act where he observes that, subsequent to an exceptional circumstance, it does not meet the demands of the situation;

WHEREAS the Chief Electoral Officer has informed the authorized parties represented in the National Assembly of his intention to use the provisions of the said section and has taken the steps required to inform the other authorized parties, the candidates and the electors concerned;

The Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 490 of the Election Act has decided to adapt section 335.2 to include provisions to allow the electors concerned by this decision to exercise their right to vote.

For the purpose of the application of the present decision, section 335.2 of the Election Act will read as follows:

“**335.2** An elector who has been directed to the identity verification panel must, if he wishes to be admitted to vote:

(1) declare before the panel members that he is the elector whose name appears on the list of electors and is entitled to be entered on the list in respect of the address appearing opposite his name;

(2) sign the following oath:

“I, (name) domiciled at (address of domicile) do hereby declare under oath that I am the elector whose name appears on the list of electors, that I was evacuated from my domicile and that I do not have in my possession the documents required to identify myself.”

Mention of such is entered in the register kept by the members of the identity verification panel.

(3) show his face and meet either of the following conditions:

(a) produce at least two documents providing evidence of his name, including one that bears his photograph, or failing that, at least two documents which together provide evidence of his name and date of birth and of the address appearing on the list opposite his name or his domiciliary address; or

(b) be accompanied by a person who:

i. identifies himself in accordance with the first paragraph of section 337;

ii. attests to the identity and address of the elector;

iii. produces a document referred to in the second paragraph of section 337 that bears his photograph; and

iv. signs an affidavit for that purpose in the register kept by the panel members, which affidavit shall indicate his name, date of birth and address.

However, a document not bearing a photograph may be produced by a person accompanying an elector if that person resides in a location listed in Schedule I to the Regulation respecting forms and statements of fees under the Health Insurance Act (chapter A-29, r. 7) or in a locality referred to in section 7.8 of the Regulation respecting licences (chapter C-24.2, r. 34), is accompanying an elector who is entitled to vote in such a location or locality and meets the requirements determined by regulation.

Despite subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the first paragraph, an elector who is unable to show his face for reasons of physical health that are considered valid by the Chief Electoral Officer or any person designated by the Chief Electoral Officer for that purpose may obtain an authorization allowing him to be identified without showing his face, provided he first signs the affidavit for that purpose in the presence of the members of the verification panel.

The chairman of the verification panel shall give the elector the authorization described in the third paragraph.”

This decision is effective as of the date on which it is signed.

Québec, September 30, 2018

PIERRE REID,  
*Chief Electoral Officer*

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## Decision

Election Act  
(chapter E-3.3)

### Chief Electoral Officer —Voting by certain electors domiciled or lodged in addiction resources

Decision of the chief electoral officer pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by section 490 of the Election Act concerning voting by certain electors domiciled or lodged in addiction resources

WHEREAS order-in-council number 1267-2018, issued on August 23, 2018, enjoined the Chief Electoral Officer to hold general elections in Québec on October 1st, 2018;

WHEREAS electors domiciled or lodged in community or private resources offering addiction lodging (alcohol, drugs, gambling) as defined in the Regulation respecting the certification of community or private resources offering addiction lodging (CQLR, chapter S-4.2, r. 0.1), hereinafter called an “addiction resource”;

WHEREAS for some electors domiciled or lodged in addiction resources it will be impossible for them to go outside the facilities of the addiction resource to exercise their right to vote, due to the requirements of the treatment program applied in the resource or a court order;

WHEREAS the provisions of the Election Act (CQLR, chapter E-3.3) concerning the advance poll in lodging facilities, hospitals and rehabilitation centres and the domicile of electors cannot be applied to electors domiciled or lodged in an addiction resource;

WHEREAS it may be impossible for these electors to exercise their right to vote if the provisions of the Election Act are not adapted;